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Patricia Truett to Demonstrate Reed Basketry at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, July 28, Patricia Truett, of McKee, will demonstrate her reed basketry from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Truett first learned how to make baskets at the craft factory in Tyner, Ky. When the factory closed, she bought all of the materials and became an independent basket maker. She took classes in basket making through the county extension office and afterwards she began to design her own patterns.

Truett prefers to use round and flat reed with white oak handles and now has more than 30 different baskets in her repertoire. She enjoys creating her market basket in a variety of sizes, as well as her best seller, the sewing basket. Truett is a juried member of the Kentucky Art Council's Craft Marketing program and nine years ago was juried into the 65-member Appalachian Fireside Crafts Co-op.

A wide variety of Truett's beautiful and useful baskets are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate -75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include "About Face: Kentucky Artisan Works Inspired by the Human Face," through Aug. 26, and "Commissioned to Create: Works by Artists Who Created the Governor's Awards (1995-2011)," through July 29, an exhibit developed by the Kentucky Arts Council. For information about the center's programming, call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov

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Patricia Truett Weaves a Reed Basket at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea